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Mr. Paul Stremel
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Dear Mr. Stremel,

I deeply appreciate the United States Postal Services (USPS) for serving on the frontlines during the COVID-19 pandemic and for connecting our country and communities at a time when they need it most. The employees of the USPS serve an essential role in our society, and we are grateful for their service.

I am writing on behalf of my constituents in the Dutch Kills Community of Long Island City. My office has reached out several times to discuss the feasibility of a full-service U.S. Post Office in the Dutch Kills Community. I understand that this community is undergoing large residential and commercial redevelopment, in large part as a result of rezoning by the city. The three nearest post offices are a substantial distance away: Plaza Station, Broadway and 21st St, and 43rd St and Broadway.

It is my understanding that there have been major mail delivery delays throughout New York City as a result of USPS staffing shortages causes by COVID-19. The health and safety of mail carriers is paramount, and we are also sensitive to the needs of our constituents. The need for an accessible, nearby post office for the Dutch Kills Community has returned to my attention as we navigate these challenges. I am formally requesting a reevaluation on the feasibility of a full-service U.S. Post Office in the Dutch Kills Community.

Please review my constituents' concerns and advise me as to your conclusions, consistent with all applicable rules and regulations. Thank you for your attention to this matter, and for your diligent and committed service to ensure that mail delivery contuse during these unprecedented times. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Sarah Hague at my district office at (212) 860-0606.

Very truly yours,

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